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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF CNPQ PRESIDENT TO WASHINGTON: POSSIBLE
TOPIC FOR INCLUSION IN SECRETARY/SILVEIRA TALKS

1. SUMMARY. DR. JOSE DION DE MELO TELES, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT (CNPQ), PROPOSES TO VISIT WASHINGTON DURING THE SECOND WEEK IN MARCH FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS ON (1) POLICY AND TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF REMOTE SENSING COLLABORATION AND (2) INCREASED US-BRAZIL S/T COOPERATION. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT (1) THE DEPARTMENT AND APPROPRIATE USG AGENCIES BE PREPARED TO RESPOND IN POSITIVE AND SPECIFIC FASHION TO DION'S PROPOSALS, (2) THE EMBASSY BE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM DION THAT HIS VISIT IS WELCOME AND THAT THE USG, FOR ITS PART, IS INTERESTED IN EXPANDING COOPERATION, AND (3) THE DION MISSION BE INCLUDED AS AN AGENDA TOPIC FOR THE SECRETARY'S VISIT AND THAT AN APPROPRIATE REFERENCE BE MADE IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE. SEPTTEL ON AGENDA FOLLOWS. END SUMMARY.

2. DION AND HIS CHIEF FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, LUIZ BRASIL, REPRESENT THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY ON THE INTER-AGENCY BRAZILIANS PEACE ACTIVITIES COMMISSION (COBAE) WHICH IS THE ORGAN WHICH HAS ULTIMATE AUTHORITY FOR NEGOTIATING AND SIGNING THE REMOTE SENSING AGREEMENT. DION ASSUMES THAT NEGOTIATIONS FOR RENEWAL OF THE REMOTE SENSING MEMOR-

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ANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WILL HAVE BEGUN BY THE TIME OF HIS VISIT AND WANTS TO DISCUSS POLICY AND TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THIS SUBJECT AT DEPARTMENT AND NASA. IN ADDITION TO THE ISSUE OF DATA DISSEMINATION, DION ALSO HAS QUESTIONS ABOUT THE QUALITY AND COST EFFECTIVENESS OF INPE (NATIONAL SPACE RESEARCH INSTITUTE) PARTICIPATION UNDER THE MOU. (EMBASSY COMMENT: UNDER DION, CNPQ HAS BEEN TRYING TO CONSOLIDATE ITS CONTROL OVER INPE, A SUBSIDIARY INSTITUTE OF CNPQ WHICH HERETOFORE HAS DEALT DIRECTLY WITH NASA ON SUCH ISSUES AS REMOTE SENSING, BYPASSING OTHER EXISTING AND MORE APPROPRIATE GOB-USG CHANNELS.)

3. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF DION'S TRIP WOULD BE TO EXPLORE CONCRETE POSSIBILITIES FOR INCREASED S/T COLLABORATION IN SPECIFIC FIELDS AND PROJECTS WITH USG AGENCIES. FOR EXAMPLE, CNPQ IS IN THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING S/T POLICY PILOT PROJECT AT GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIV. (TO BE MANAGED BY ITS WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE, JOSE MICCOLIS) WHICH WOULD ASSIST CNPQ AND GOB IN SURVEYING AND ASSESSING STATE OF U.S. S/T IN VARIOUS FIELDS, THE VALUE OF BRAZILIAN COLLABORATION WITH THESE PROGRAMS, AND MECHANISMS FOR SUCH INTERACTION. DION WISHES TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF USG SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT FROM AID/TA/OST OR OTHER SOURCES AS EVIDENCE TO GOB OF U.S. INTEREST IN COOPERATION.

4. CNPQ ALREADY HAS CONTINUING CLOSE RELATIONS WITH NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (NAS) AND SOME JOINT PROGRAM ACTIVITY, BASED ON CNPQ FUNDING. CNPQ IS WELL AWARE OF THE EXTREMELY LIMITED POSSIBILITIES UNDER THE PRESENT SCIENCE BILATERAL AGREEMENT IF BASED SOLELY ON FUNDS AVAILABLE

TO THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) INTERNATIONAL OFFICE. CNPQ IS ALSO AWARE OF THE USG'S INITIATIVES TO SELL TECHNICAL SERVICES OF ITS AGENCIES TO THE GOB AS A POST-AID MECHANISM. THE REAL QUESTION IS THE POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING SPECIFIC COLLABORATIVE S/T PROJECTS WITH VARIOUS USG AGENCIES WHICH WOULD WARRANT AND RECEIVE ON A SHARED BASIS FUNDING FROM THESE AGENCIES AND THE CNPQ. DION IS ALSO SPECIFICALLY INTERESTED IN POSSIBLE COLLABO-

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RATION UNDER THE AID/OS/T PROGRAM. DION WISHES ALSO

TO EXPLORE INCREASED BRAZILIAN INTERACTION WITH SECTION

211 D UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS IN AREAS IN WHICH CNPQ IS ACTIVE (E.G., SCIENCE POLICY, SEMI-ARID LAND MANAGEMENT, ETC.) AND GREATER INSTITUTIONAL PARTICIPATION IN SPECIAL

PROJECTS,E.G., BIOCONVERSION, UTILIZATION OF MIXED
LWAL WOODS, ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, ETC.).

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES NKZ CHALLENGE
AND KPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP BROADER AND IMPROVED PROGRAM
OF S/T COOPERATION ON A SOUND POST-AID BASIS, CONSISTENT
WITH U.S. AND BRAZILIAN INTERESTS, AND OF DIRECT SCIEN-
TIFIC, POLITICAL,VALUE TO U.S. GOB IN
GENERAL, AND MINISTRY OF PLANNING/CNPQ IN PARTICULAR,
STILL BELIEVE IN DEVELOPEMENT ROLE OF S/T BUT MUST PUT
GREATER EMPHASIS ON SHORT AND MEDIUM TERM APPLICATION OF
R&D. PLANNING MINISTRY AGENCIES, AT LEAST, STILL SEEK
STRENGTHENED RELATIONS WITH USG-SPONSORED S/T ENTITIES,
DESPITE BROAD AGREEMENTS WITH FRG, FRANCE AND UK.
CNPQ INITIATIVE OF DION'S VISIT AND SCIENCE POLICY PROJECT
OFFERS FOLLWING POSSIBILITIES:

(A) PRODUCING AN EXPANDED PROGRAM CONSISTING OF A
MIX OF JOINT PROJECTS WITH USG PROGRAM AGENCIES BASED ON
MIXED DOLLAR/CRUZEIRO FUNDING IN SOME AREAS, AND OF GOB
CONTRACTING FOR RESEARCH AND SERVICES WITH USG AGENCIES
AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES IN OTHER CASES;

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(B) INCREASED BRAZILIAN PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL
AID ACTIVITIES IN LIEU OF BILATERAL ASSISTANCE;

(C) RECIPROCITY IN RESEARCH (#)

EXACTLY (E.G. NSF AND SMITHSONIAN INTEREST IN
BASIC TROPICAL ECOLOGY IN CONTRAST TO GREATER CNPQ EMPHASIS
ON HUMID AND SEMI-ARID TROPICAL AREA AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT);
AND (D) OFFSET ARRANGEMENTS TO ASSIST IN SOLVING
CNPQ'S PROBLEM OF ACCESS (#)
IN THE U.S. (#)
DOLLAR/CRUZEIRO EXCHANGE TRUST FUND).

6. DION WAS FRANKLY DISAPPOINTED WITH THE INSIGNIFICANT
RESULTS OF HIS VISIT LAST YEAR AND IS UNEASY AND
DUBIOUS ABOUT ANOTHER ATTEMPT. HE IS ALSO WELL AWARE
THAT IT IS THE CNPQ'S LACK OF SPECIFICITY WHICH HAS
DELAYED MODIFICATIONS IN THE JOINT PROGRAM WITH NSF'S
INTERNATIONAL OFFICE UNDER THE SCIENCE BILATERAL.
WHAT THE CNPI IS SEEKING IN AN EXPANDED BILATERAL S/T
AGREEMENT COULD NOT BE SATISFIED BY THAT OFFICE, HOWEVER,
BUT WOULD REQUIRE INVOLVEMENT BY NSF PROGRAM OFFICES AND
OF SEVERAL OTHER USG PROGRAM AGENCIES (E.G., ERDA, NASA,
HEW, NOAA, ARS, EPA, ETC.).

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7. DION WILL BE PREPARED TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC RESEARCH
AREAS (VIX. LOW-COST HOUSING, SEMI-ARID SOILS, HUMID
TROPICAL IRRIGATION, ENGINEERING, GEOLOGY,
ARCHITECTURE, COAL GASIFICATION, SHALE OIL EXTRACTION,
SOLAR ENERGY, HIGH ASH-CONTENT COAL, BIOCONVERSION, ETC.)
AND TYPES OF PROJECT APPROACHES BUT WOULD CONCENTRATE
ON MECHANISMS OF INCREASED COOPERATION. HE NEEDS SOME
USG ENCOURAGEMENT AT THIS POINT OR CONCRETE
ATTEMPT BY THE CNPQ TO DEFINE PRECISE PROJECTS AND PROPOSE
CONSTRUCTIVE COLLABORATION WITH THE U.S. WILL HAVE
TANGIBLE RESULTS.

8. EMBASSY STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT APPROPRIATE USG
AGENCIES BE PREPARED TO RESPOND IN CONCRETE AND POSI-
TIVE FASHION TO THIS GOB INITIATIVE, WHICH MAY WELL BE
AN ATTEMPT TO TEST U.S. INTENTIONS IN SCIENTIFIC AREAS
OTHER THAN THE NUCLEAR FIELD. TO GIVE DION'S VISIT
AS MUCH STATURE AS POSSIBLE, WE ALSO BELIEVE IT WOULD
BE DESIRABLE FOR THE SECRETARY AND FOMIN SILVEIRA TO
TAKE NOTE OF AND ENDORSE THE DION VISIT AS INDICATIVE
OF THE CONTINUING STRONG AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL US-
BRAZILIAN TIES IN THE S/T FIELD. DION IS SCHEDULED TO
SEE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND COORDINATION REIS VELLOSO ON
FEBRUARY 11 TO DISCUSS HIS PROPOSED TRIP ON A PRELIMINARY
BASIS. DION WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME INDICATION OF THE
USG'S RESPONSE AT AN EARLY DATE IN ORDER TO FIRM UP HIS DEMARCHE HE

WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE
FROM DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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